

## Environmental Quality Incentives Program Indiana – 2006 State Guidelines Revised 2/10/2006

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants to install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land.

### General EQIP Provisions

- **CONSERVATION PLAN:** All 2006 EQIP applicants will have an on-site visit completed **before** they are ranked. The client will develop a conservation plan in Toolkit on the acres being offered for application. Documentation will include a resource checklist (CPA-52) and list of conservation practices that the client has agreed to install for treatment if funded.
- **APPLICATIONS:** All 2006 applications will be entered in ProTracts and ranked using the National Ranking System. ProTracts will be used for all applications and contracting. Payment limitations, adjusted gross income (AGI), and producer eligibility must be checked at time of application to meet basic EQIP eligibility requirements. Applicants **MUST** prove control of the land for the contract period to meet basic eligibility requirements. Where an applicant is importing or exporting manure, they **MUST** provide a contract/agreement that shows the terms of the receiving or exporting for the life of the contract.
- **CONTRACTS:** EQIP contracts are written with a minimum term that ends one year after the implementation of the last scheduled practice, and a maximum term of ten years. Contracts must record the details of cost share and incentive payments for implementing conservation practices. Only practices being implemented with EQIP financial assistance are listed in the contract. Practices must be implemented according to NRCS technical standards.
- **BUNDLING TRACTS:** Multiple Tracts and farm numbers may be bundled for ranking and contracting. Ranking will be done in the county in which the producer signs up for the program.
- **PAYMENT LIMITS:** An individual or entity may not receive, directly or indirectly, cost-share or incentive payments that, in the aggregate, exceed \$450,000 for all EQIP contracts entered during the term of the current Farm Bill. The \$450,000 payment limitation will be checked in the ProTracts eligibility screen. Producers cannot receive a contract for more than the remaining balance of the payment limitation. The payment limitation can be reviewed in Fund Manager.
- **SPECIAL GROUPS:** Limited resource producers and beginning farmers and ranchers are eligible for higher cost-share rates. Cost share rates for all limited resource farmers will be set at 90% while rates for beginning farmers will be 15% greater than the established rate. Example: At a base rate of 50% a beginning farmer would receive 65%; at a base rate of 20% a beginning farmer would receive 35%.

- **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** Farmers and ranchers may elect to use a certified Technical Service Provider for EQIP technical assistance. In order to be reimbursed the Technical Service Provider must be in TECH REG, and the technical assistance practice code must be in the contract prior to service being provided. Technical assistance will be paid on only the following practices. [Nutrient Management (590), Pest Management (595), Waste Utilization (633) and Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) (100)]
- **DETERMINING IF AN APPLICATION IS "LIVESTOCK":** To be considered a livestock application, 50% or more of the cost-share/incentive total must be for livestock-related practices. In accordance with national guidance, 60% of EQIP allocations to the state will be awarded to contracts involving livestock. If the application is livestock it must be checked correctly in ProTracts for the correct livestock species.

### **2006 State Ranking Highlights:**

- The national ranking process will be applied to all applications. This ranking system includes National, State and local priorities.
- For 2006, the state's specific resource concerns are: soil erosion, soil condition, water quality, air quality, plant condition, domestic animals and fish and wildlife concerns specific to Indiana.
- EQIP ranking will be based on an applicant's efficiency score. This score takes into account the degree of cost effectiveness, the treatment of multiple resource concerns, the use of practices that provide environmental enhancements for a longer period of time, and the magnitude of the environmental benefits resulting from treatment of National, State, and local resource concerns.
- The ranking process is part of the National ProTracts system, the NRCS contracting program.

### **2006 Local Ranking Highlights:**

- Applicants will answer all questions. Points will be acquired based on the local ranking of resource priorities, number of priorities addressed and any priority areas designated by the local work group.
- The Local Work Group will identify their local resource priorities from the State list, with no more than two resource priorities chosen from any one category. Once the Local top ten (10) resource priorities are identified, the Local Work Group must then rank them in order of importance. The most important local resource priority will receive the highest ranking points and should be designated as #1, followed by the second most important as #2, etc.

### **Funding Highlights:**

- All applications will compete for 2006 EQIP funds on a State wide basis. Counties will not be guaranteed any funded applications. The highest ranked applications as of the cutoff date will be offered funding. Any new applications received after the cutoff date and any non-funded applications will compete for funding in a second round. This procedure will be used until all 2006 EQIP funds have been awarded.

FY 2006 EQIP Schedule of Events

<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHO</b>
Oct. 31	1. Instructions to promote deferred 05 applications that wish to continue. 2. Deferrals promoted by Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup> .	Programs  Field
Nov. 7	1. Bulletin to field with FY06 EQIP instructions 2. News release to public 3. Announce cutoff date for 1 <sup>st</sup> Round funding. 4. Ranking and EQIP criteria posted to web. 5. Area begins Quality Assurance review process of rankings and plans as they are completed in ProTracts.	Technology & Programs  Public Affairs Staff  Public Affairs Staff  Programs & Technology Staff  Area Programs Specialists
Nov. 9	1. Statewide teleconference to review process	Programs & Technology Staff
Jan. 13	1. 1 <sup>st</sup> Round cutoff date for all new applications signed between 12-17-04 and 01-13-06, and all deferred FY05 applications. These will be considered in 1st Round funding.	
Feb. 24	1. All plans and ranking finalized and in ProTracts on applications that were signed by Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup> . 2. All QA reviews completed.	Field  Area Programs Specialists
Feb. 27	1. Applications will be selected for funding based on ranking scores. Status in ProTracts will be changed to "Approved".	Programs
Feb. 28	1. Field will check for "Approved" applications in ProTracts and begin taking action to obligate. No separate notification of "Approved" applications will be given.	Field
Mar. 17	1. Producer has signed the "Approved" 1200 (with Programs staff E-signature) and 1200 appendix, Field has advised AC that contract is ready to obligate. 2. AC or designee signs the contract in ProTracts and creates the obligation. This finalizes the contract.	Field  AC or designee
Mar. 15	1. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round cutoff date for all applications signed by 03-15-06. These will be considered in 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round funding along with any remaining unfunded applications.	
May 1	1. All plans and ranking finalized and in ProTracts on applications that were signed prior to Mar. 15 <sup>th</sup> . 2. All QA reviews completed.	Field  Area Programs Specialists
May 2	1. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round applications will be selected for funding based on ranking scores. Status in ProTracts will be changed to "Approved".	Programs
May 3	1. Field will check for "Approved" applications in ProTracts and begin taking action to obligate. No separate notification of "Approved" applications will be given.	Field

May. 15	1. Producer has signed the "Approved" 1200 (with Programs staff E-signature) and 1200 appendix, Field has advised AC that contract is ready to obligate.  2. AC or designee signs the contract in ProTracts and creates the obligation. This finalizes the contract.	Field    AC or designee
	Additional rounds will be announced if funds become available for applications signed after 3-15-06	

## Cost Share and Incentives for Conservation Practices

- Cost share rates and incentives for conservation practices are developed to promote positive conservation outcomes tailored to the environmental needs of Indiana. Cost share types for the 2006 EQIP program will be Average Cost (AC) and Actual Cost not to exceed a Specified Maximum (AM). Cost share type Flat Rate (FR) will be used for incentive payments. The maximum cost share rate for any AC or AM cost share type practice will be 50 percent. FY2006 EQIP cost share rates and provisions are in the following table.

Indiana 2006 Cost List

Practice Code	Practice Name	Component	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Cost Type	Share Rate	Specified Maximum Cost
560	Access Road	Access Road - One Way Traffic	FT	14.25	AC	50	
702	Agrichemical Handling Facility	Agrichemical Handling Facility	NO	0	AM	50	40,000.00
316	Animal Mortality Facility	Animal Mortality – Timber Walls	SQ FT	20.00	AC	50	
316	Animal Mortality Facility	Animal Mortality – Concrete Walls	SQ FT	30.00	AC	50	
360	Closure of Waste Impoundments	Closure of Waste Impoundments	NO	0	AM	50	10,000.00
317	Composting Facility	Roofed Concrete Floor	NO	0	AM	50	50,000.00
100	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan	No	1000.00	FR	100	
327	Conservation Cover	Conservation Cover	AC	208.00	AC	50	
328	Conservation Cropping Rotation	Conservation Cropping Rotation	AC	50.00	FR	100	
656	Constructed Wetland	Constructed Wetland	AC	0	AM	50	10,000.00
332	Contour Buffer Strip	Contour Buffer Strip	AC	150.00	AC	50	
340	Cover Crop	Cover Crop	AC	30.00	AC	50	7,500.00
342	Critical Area Planting	Critical Area Planting	AC	400.00	AC	50	
589C	Cross Wind Trap Strips	Cross Wind Trap Strips	AC	400.00	AC	50	
362	Diversion	Diversion	FT	2.50	AC	50	
554	Drainage Water Management	Drainage Water Management	AC	40.00	FR	100	
647	Early Successional Habitat Development/Management	Strip Disking and Spraying and prescribed burning	AC	15.00	FR	100	
647	Early Successional Habitat Development/Management	Woodland Edge Feathering and Forest Regeneration Openings	AC	250.00	FR	100	
382	Fence	Permanent Exterior, Standard	FT	2.14	AC	20	
382	Fence	Permanent Interior, Energized High Tensile	FT	1.06	AC	50	
382	Fence	Temporary Interior, Poly-Wire, Step-in Post	FT	0.25	AC	50	
386	Field Border	Field Border	FT	.20	AC	50	
393	Filter Strip	Filter Strip	AC	125.00	AC	50	
666	Forest Stand Improvement	Forest Stand Improvement	AC	68.00	AC	50	
666	Forest Stand Improvement	Forest Stand Improvement – Storm Damaged Areas	AC	106.00	AC	50	
655	Forest Trails and Landings	Forest Trails and Landings	AC	677.00	AC	50	
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	Grade Stabilization Structure	NO	0	AM	50	20,000.00
412	Grassed Waterway	Grassed Waterway	AC	3,940.00	AC	50	
561	Heavy Use Area Protection	Heavy Use Area Protection	AC	0	AM	50	40,000.00
561	Heavy Use Area Protection	Heavy Use Area Protection – Winter Feeding w/roofs	AC	0	AM	20	40,000.00
422	Hedgerow Planting	Hedgerow Planting	FT	1.50	AC	50	
449	Irrigation Water Management	Irrigation Water Management	AC	3.00	FR	100	
468	Lined Waterway or Outlet	Lined Waterway or Outlet	FT	35.00	AC	50	
634	Manure Transfer	Manure Transfer	NO	0	AM	50	10,000.00
484	Mulching	Mulching - Without Erosion Control Blanket	AC	456.00	AC	50	
484	Mulching	Mulching - Erosion Control Blanket	AC	6,563.00	AC	50	
590	Nutrient Management	Nutrient Management - Without Animal Waste	AC	5.00	FR	100	
582	Open Channel See Foot Note (1)	Open Channel	FT	8.00	AC	50	
512	Pasture and Hay Planting	Warm Season Grasses	AC	150.00	AC	50	
512	Pasture and Hay Planting	Cool Season Grasses	AC	141.00	AC	50	
512	Pasture and Hay Planting	Legume in Addition to Existing Stands	AC	20.00	AC	50	
595	Pest Management	Pest Management	AC	4.00	FR	100	
516	Pipeline	Pipeline - Bedded	FT	2.23	AC	50	
516	Pipeline	Pipeline Non-Bedded	FT	1.66	AC	50	
378	Pond See Foot Note (2)	Pond	NO	0	AM	50	10,000.00
521C	Pond Sealing or Lining, Betonite Sealant See Foot Note (3)	Pond Sealing or Lining, Betonite	AC	21,563.00	AC	50	

521A	Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane See Foot Note (3)	Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane	AC	65,340.00	AC	50	
521B	Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant See Foot Note (3)	Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant	AC	3,488.00	AC	50	
338	Prescribed Burning See Foot Note (4)	Prescribed Burning	AC	30.00	AC	50	
528	Prescribed Grazing	Prescribed Grazing	AC	10.00	FR	100	
533	Pumping Plant for Water Control See Foot Note (5)	Pumping Plant for Water Control	NO	0	AM	50	10,000.00
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No Till	Residue Management, No Till	AC	20.00	FR	100	
345	Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch Till	Residue Management, Mulch Till – Modified No-Till	AC	8.00	FR	100	
643	Restoration & MGT of Declining Habitat	Restoration & MGT of Declining Habitat	AC	202.00	AC	50	
391	Riparian Forest Buffer	Riparian Forest Buffer	AC	471.00	AC	50	
558	Roof Runoff Structure	Gutters	Lin Ft	0	AM	50	7,500.00
350	Sediment Basin	Sediment Basin	NO	0	AM	50	7,500.00
646	Shallow Water Management for Wildlife	Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife	AC	0	AM	50	3,500.00
574	Spring Development	Pipeline	NO	3,000.00	AC	50	
578	Stream Crossing	Stream Crossing - Rock	NO	2,018.00	AC	50	
578	Stream Crossing	Stream Crossing - Culvert	NO	4,720.00	AC	50	
578	Stream Crossing	Stream Crossing - Concrete	NO	5,370.00	AC	50	
580	Streambank & Shoreline Protection See Foot Note (6)	Streambank & Shoreline Protection	FT	0	AM	50	50.00/Ft.
585	Stripcropping	Stripcropping	AC	12.00	AC	50	
587	Structure For Water Control	Structure For Water Control	NO	1,500.00	AC	50	
606	Subsurface Drain See Foot Note (7)	4" or 5" Tile	FT	1.20	AC	50	
606	Subsurface Drain See Foot Note (7)	6" Tile	FT	1.68	AC	50	
606	Subsurface Drain See Foot Note (7)	8" Tile	FT	2.21	AC	50	
606	Subsurface Drain See Foot Note (7)	10" Tile	FT	3.06	AC	50	
606	Subsurface Drain See Foot Note (7)	12" Tile	FT	4.78	AC	50	
606	Subsurface Drain See Foot Note (7)	15" Tile	FT	6.03	AC	50	
600	Terrace	Terrace	FT	8.00	AC	50	10.00/Ft.
612	Tree and Shrub Establishment	Tree and Shrub Establishment (General)	AC	471.00	AC	50	
612	Tree and Shrub Establishment	Tree and Shrub Establishment (Fine Hardwoods)	AC	540.00	AC	50	
612	Tree and Shrub Establishment	Tree and Shrub Establishment – Post Planting Herbicide Treatment	AC	45.00	AC	50	
660	Tree Shrub Pruning	Tree Shrub Pruning	AC	68.00	AC	50	
620	Underground Outlet See Foot Note (7)	4" or 5" Tile	FT	1.20	AC	50	
620	Underground Outlet See Foot Note (7)	6" Tile	FT	1.68	AC	50	
620	Underground Outlet See Foot Note (7)	8" Tile	FT	2.21	AC	50	
620	Underground Outlet See Foot Note (7)	10" Tile	FT	3.06	AC	50	
620	Underground Outlet See Foot Note (7)	12" Tile	FT	4.78	AC	50	
620	Underground Outlet See Foot Note (7)	15" Tile	FT	6.03	AC	50	
645	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	Warm Season Grass Planting	AC	150.00	AC	50	
645	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	Tree and Shrub Planting	AC	471.00	AC	50	
645	Upland Wildlife Habitat	Cool Season Grass Planting	AC	120.00	AC	50	

	Management						
472	Use Exclusion	Use Exclusion - From Stream or Wetland or Woodland	AC	500.00	AC	50	5000.00
313	Waste Storage Facility See Foot Note (8)	Waste Storage Facility	NO	0	AM	50	90,000.00
313	Waste Storage Facility See Foot Note (8)	Litter Stack	SQ FT	14.40	AC	50	
359	Waste Treatment Lagoon See Foot Note (8)	Waste Treatment Lagoon	NO	0	AM	50	90,000.00
633	Waste Utilization	Waste Utilization (Less than or equal to 50 ppm)	AC	30.00	FR	100	
635	Waste Water Treatment Strip	Waste Water Treatment Strip	AC	4,500.00	AC	50	
638	Water & Sediment Control Basin See Foot Note (9)	Water & Sediment Control Basin	NO	0	AM	50	2,000.00
642	Water Well See Foot Note (2)	Water Well	FT	27.00	AC	50	
614	Watering Facility	Watering Facility - Portable Tank (Plastic)	NO	232.00	AC	50	
614	Watering Facility	Watering Facility - Ball Fountain	NO	765.00	AC	50	
614	Watering Facility	Watering Facility - Concrete Tank	NO	733.00	AC	50	
351	Well Decommissioning	Well Decommissioning	NO	500.00	AC	50	
657	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration	AC	1,047.00	AC	50	
644	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	AC	20.00	FR	100	
380	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment	FT	1.00	AC	50	
650	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation	FT	0.30	AC	50	

#### Foot notes

(1) Cost shared only as an outlet for another EQIP practice.
(2) Cost shared only for livestock watering.
(3) Cost shared only for livestock watering or waste storage.
(4) This practice is capped at 25 acres per tract.
(5) Cost shared only for livestock water or wetland control.
(6) This practice must be installed in conjunction with a Riparian Forest Buffer to be eligible for cost share.
(7) Cost shared only as a component of another EQIP cost shared practice.
(8) If the storage facility is for a new operation or the expansion of more than 20% of the existing animal units, the cost share rate is 20%. A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan is required to be eligible for cost share for this practice (313). If cost share is requested for a waste storage facility at a site that has no animals but will be collecting and storing manure from another farm, then in order to be eligible the farmer must have a contract to receive manure at the site for the length of the EQIP contract. This practice requires on site engineering review and cost estimate by a NRCS Engineer.
(9) Water & Sediment Control Basin (638) requires the following three conditions to be met: 1) Practices 590 (Nutrient Management) and 595 (Pest Management) must already be implemented or implementation started within a year of the structure is being built. 2) Fields within the watershed of the structure must be managed to "T", or practices must be installed in the year the structure is built that brings the soil loss to "T". 3) All conditions

apply within the entire drainage area of the WASCOB, whether on the applicant's land or adjacent land. If these conditions are not met, practice 638 and component practices will not be cost shared.

### Practices Eligible for Incentive Payments

Incentive payments may be paid up to 3 years. Exceptions are noted. Producers may only receive incentive payments for no-till, nutrient management and pest management one time. For example, producers who have received an incentive for these three practices in a previous contract are not eligible to apply for them on additional tracts or contracts. The purpose of an incentive payment is to enable a trial period for an on-farm management change to achieve a desired environmental outcome. Incentive caps apply to the client/producer; the client may not sign up additional farms or split applications to obtain additional incentive payments.

Practice Code	Practice Name	Unit
100	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan	ac

- ❑ A one time incentive payment of \$1,000.00 per CNMP implemented, to implement a CNMP.
- ❑ CNMP's are required on a Waste Storage Facility (313) and Waste Treatment Lagoon (359) and must be completed prior to the installation of the facility or lagoon. Producers building a 313 or 359 are eligible for the CNMP incentive payment.
- ❑ CNMP's are not required on Composting Facility (317), Animal Mortality Facility (316), or Heavy Use Area Protection (561).
- ❑ Livestock producers not building a 313 or 359 and wanting to develop a CNMP on their operation are eligible for the CNMP incentive. Non-livestock producers receiving manure are eligible for the Nutrient Management or Waste Utilization incentives, but not the CNMP incentive or funds for a TSP to develop a CNMP. Non-livestock producers receiving manure as part of a contract can build a Waste Storage (313) for storing manure, must develop a CNMP and are eligible for the CNMP and nutrient/waste management incentives.
- ❑ By technical definition, a CNMP is a conservation system that is unique to animal feeding operations (AFO's). It should address all land units that the animal feeding operation (AFO) owner and/or operator owns or has decision-making authority over and on which manure and organic by-products will be generated, handled, stored or applied.
- ❑ For EQIP purposes, the CNMP is written/developed on all acres owned or under decision-making authority at that AFO (i.e. may not include ground 5 miles away that normally does not receive manure and rented ground not under long term contract). CNMP implementation is required on all acres identified to be receiving manure. At the minimum, the CNMP is developed and implemented on all tracts under contract, including bundled tracts. The CNMP may identify additional acres not currently under EQIP contract will need to be added which could be done so with a contract modification.
- ❑ For EQIP purposes, an AFO that applies for 313/359 and hauls the manure offsite (i.e. poultry facility with



<p>only a few acres), must show control over the land where manure is applied to be eligible for the facility cost-share, CNMP incentive and any nutrient management incentives for the duration of the EQIP contract.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Producers required to develop a CNMP must be informed of the CNMP requirements. Refer to the <a href="#">NRCS AFO CNMP Handout</a>, <a href="#">IN NRCS CNMP Checklist</a> and the CNMP Guidance for Minimum Requirements @ <a href="http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/agronomy/CNMP%20Requirements%2012-19-05.pdf">http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/agronomy/CNMP%20Requirements%2012-19-05.pdf</a>. See the <a href="#">Indiana Agronomy web page</a> for additional information on CNMP requirements.</li> </ul>		
328	Conservation Cropping Rotation	ac
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incentive payment of \$50/acre per year for cropland that is being converted to organic farming.</li> <li>Organic farming must meet the established USDA definition of organic farming.</li> <li>The incentive is capped at \$5,000.00 per applicant per year.</li> </ul>		
340	Cover Crop	ac
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Cost share</b> of \$15/acre (50% of average cost) will be paid for a maximum of 3 years over the life of the EQIP contract.</li> <li>Management will be according to practice standard.</li> <li>The cost share earned is capped at \$3,750.00 per applicant per year.</li> </ul>		
589C	Cross Wind Trap Strips	ac
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum strip width is 15 feet.</li> <li>Must establish a permanent warm season grass trap strip for one time <b>cost share</b> payment of \$200 per acre (50% of average cost).</li> <li>Practice must be maintained for the life of the contract.</li> </ul>		
554	Drainage Water Management	ac
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An incentive payment of \$40/acre per year for up to 3 years on acres being managed.</li> <li>Incentive payments for this practice are capped at \$2000.00 per applicant per year.</li> </ul>		
647	Early Successional Habitat Development - Management	ac
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A \$15/acre incentive per year for up to 3 years for land managed by strip disking, strip spraying and prescribed burning.</li> <li>One time \$250/acre per tract payment for woodland edge feathering.</li> <li>Maximum of 100 acres of any combination.</li> </ul>		
449	Irrigation Water Management	ac
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incentive payment of \$3/ac for land under irrigation.</li> </ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Management must decrease non-point source pollution of surface or ground water resources.</li> <li>❑ Incentive provided only for existing irrigation systems. Producer must have irrigated 2 of the past 5 years per EQIP policy. The producers' statement or the DCs knowledge of this is acceptable proof.</li> <li>❑ Incentive payments for this practice are capped at \$300.00 per applicant per year.</li> </ul>		
590	Nutrient Management	ac
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ A \$5/acre incentive payment may be paid for up to 3 years.</li> <li>❑ Eligible land must not currently be under a nutrient management plan.</li> <li>❑ Incentive payments for this practice are capped at \$1,250.00 per applicant per year.</li> <li>❑ Clients who have received nutrient management payments under a previous EQIP contract are not eligible for this incentive payment.</li> <li>❑ Incentive payments for Nutrient Management (590) and Waste Utilization (633) can not be received on the same acres in the same contract year.</li> <li>❑ The Nutrient Management Plan must be developed prior to the practice application.</li> </ul>		
595	Pest Management	Ac
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ An incentive payment of \$4/acre for up to three years if tied to the application of Residue Management – No Till (329) and/or Residue Management – Mulch Till (Indiana Modified No-Till) (345), or is within the drainage area of a WASCOB.</li> <li>❑ Eligible land must not currently be under a pest management plan.</li> <li>❑ Incentive payments for this practice are capped at \$1,000.00 per applicant per year.</li> <li>❑ Clients who have received pest management payments under a previous EQIP contract are not eligible for this incentive payment.</li> <li>❑ The Pest Management Plan must be developed prior to the practice application.</li> </ul>		
528	Prescribed Grazing	Ac
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Incentive payment of \$10/acre for up to three years.</li> <li>❑ Incentive payment is made during the first 3 years of the contract.</li> <li>❑ Cost share payments will also be available for other practices required as part of the plan.</li> <li>❑ Incentive payments for this practice are capped at \$1,250.00 per applicant per year.</li> <li>❑ Must have physically started working towards implementing the practices planned for the rotational grazing system to receive the first incentive payment.</li> </ul>		
329	Residue and Tillage Management - No-till/Strip-till/Direct Seed	ac
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Incentive payment of \$20/acre for up to 3 years.</li> <li>❑ A STIR rating of less than 10 must be documented to receive this incentive.</li> <li>❑ This practice must be applied to the same acres all 3 years in which the incentive payments are made.</li> </ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Incentive payments for this practice are capped at a total of \$5,000 per applicant per year.</li> <li>❑ Clients who have received no-till (329 or 329A) incentive payments under a previous EQIP contract are not eligible for this incentive payment.</li> <li>❑ Applicant must have no-tilled for less than 5 consecutive years in order to be eligible (based on the 2006 Indiana 329 Practice Standard).</li> <li>❑ The rotation for the contract period must include at least two years of no-till corn.</li> <li>❑ Must also implement nutrient management (590) and pest management (595) the fall prior to the implementation of no-till. This action is taken for the purpose of addressing issues that may limit the success of no-till implementation.</li> <li>❑ Incentive payments will be provided for nutrient management and pest management practices as well if requirements are met.</li> </ul>		
345	Residue and Tillage Management – Mulch Till (Modified No Till)	ac
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Incentive payment of \$8/acre for up to 3 years.</li> <li>❑ A STIR rating of less than 20 must be documented to receive this incentive.</li> <li>❑ This practice must be applied to the same acres all 3 years in which the incentive payments are made.</li> <li>❑ Incentive payments for this practice are capped at a total of \$2,000 per applicant per year.</li> <li>❑ Clients who have received mulch till or no-till (345, 329 or 329A) incentive payments under a previous EQIP contract are not eligible for this incentive payment.</li> <li>❑ Applicant must have mulch tilled (modified no till) and/or no tilled (329) for less than 5 consecutive years in order to be eligible.</li> <li>❑ The rotation for the contract period must include at least two years of corn.</li> <li>❑ Must also implement nutrient management (590) and pest management (595) the fall prior to the implementation of the mulch till system. This action is taken for the purpose of addressing issues that may limit the success of mulch till implementation. Incentive payments will be provided for these practices as well.</li> <li>❑ Practice must meet the Indiana 345 practice standard for modified no-till / high end mulch till system.</li> </ul>		

472	Use Exclusion	Ac
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ A <b>cost share</b> payment of \$250/acre (50% of average cost) for excluding livestock from streams or wetlands or woodlands (10 acres protected maximum).</li> <li>❑ Area protected is composed of minimum 30 ft distance to water in the case of streams, measured from barrier to waters edge.</li> <li>❑ In the case of wetlands, the area protected is the portion of wetland protected by exclusion present on the tract.</li> <li>❑ Incentive to be used for livestock exclusion only, livestock must currently be present in protected area to qualify.</li> </ul>		
633	Waste Utilization (Soil Test $\leq$ 50 ppm)	Ac
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Crop fields where animal wastes are being utilized: a \$30/acre incentive payment may be paid for up to 3 years.</li> <li>❑ The applicant can be the person whose farm is generating the waste or the person receiving the waste.</li> <li>❑ The applicant must have control of the fields that are to receive the waste during the contract.</li> <li>❑ Eligible land must not currently be under a nutrient management plan.</li> <li>❑ The incentive is capped at \$7,500 per applicant per year.</li> <li>❑ Criteria for the incentive are tied to the fields that will receive the manure.</li> <li>❑ Only fields with a soil test phosphorus level of &lt;50 ppm (100 lbs) per acre will be eligible.</li> <li>❑ Pre-sidedress soil nitrate test (PSNT) must be completed on land receiving manure.</li> <li>❑ Soil test must have been completed within the last 4 years to be valid. The number of acres necessary for manure application should be based on the IDEM "Manure Application Land Requirements."</li> <li>❑ Incentive payments for Nutrient Management (590) and Waste Utilization (633) can not be received on the same acres in the same contract year.</li> <li>❑ The Waste Utilization Plan must be developed prior to the practice application.</li> </ul>		
644	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	Ac
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Incentive payment of \$20/acre for up to three years to manage area for wetland wildlife.</li> <li>❑ Practices installed under this contract will be cost shared at rates established for practices installed.</li> <li>❑ Maximum of 25 acres per applicant per year.</li> </ul>		

NOTE: Special Cost-share & incentive provisions are in place for the following practices:

313 Waste Storage Facilities:

1. A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (100) is required to be eligible for cost share for this practice (313).
2. The Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) must be completed (written, approved and delivered to the applicant) prior to the start of the waste storage facility.
3. When implemented to solve an existing resource concern on an existing facility site with less than 20% expansion of the Animal Units within the same species, costshare will be 50% (AM) up to the capped amount. In all other situations, costshare will be 20% up to the capped amount.

329 and 345 Residue and Tillage Management:

1. It is intended that 345 precede 329 in a contract where 345 is used as a transition from conventional tillage to the 329.
2. In contracts where 345 is used as a transition, the combined total of both practices will not exceed 2 years of 345 and 3 years of 329.
3. This is the only case in which both 345 and 329 can be used on one contract. It is not intended to pay for 250 acres of mulch till on one farm or field and 250 acres of no-till on another.